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Thursday, May 18, 2017.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

### *Message from the Governor.*

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to authorizing the town of Tisbury to pay a certain unpaid bill (House, No. 3710), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Monday, May 15.

Tisbury,—  
unpaid  
bill.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

### *Statement of Representative Walsh of Framingham.*

A statement of Mr. Walsh of Framingham was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Wednesday, May 10, 2017, due to medical concerns. If I could have been in attendance, I would have voted in the affirmative on the question on passing to be engrossed the House Bill establishing the Massachusetts pregnant workers fairness act (House, No. 3680). My missing of roll calls on Wednesday, May 10 was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of  
Mr. Walsh of  
Framingham.

### *Guests of the House.*

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, 5th and 6th grade students from St. Mary's School in Lee. The students participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox.

Lee,—  
St. Mary's  
School.

### *Communication.*

A communication from the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds (pursuant to Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure for technological improvements from the County Registers Technological Fund [copies of the report were forwarded to the committees on

Plymouth  
Registry,—  
technology  
fund.

Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law], was placed on file.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Crocker of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3706) of William L. Crocker, Jr., Timothy R. Whelan and Randy Hunt (by vote of the town) that the town of Barnstable be authorized to amend the charter of said town. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Barnstable,—  
charter.

By Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Hinds, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3707) of William Smitty Pignatelli and Adam G. Hinds (by vote of the town) that the town of Lee be authorized to establish a local excise on the sale of gasoline and diesel fuels. To the committee on Revenue.

Lee,—  
fuels  
tax.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul Brodeur that the Massport Employees' Retirement System be directed to grant accidental disability retirement benefits to Jan Witkowski.

Jan  
Witkowski,—  
benefits.

By Mr. Calter of Kingston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas J. Calter and others for legislation to authorize the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land in the town of Middleborough.

Middleborough,—  
land.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mark J. Cusack relative to retirement benefits for Brian P. Costello, Jr.

Brian  
Costello.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul J. Donato for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for David Senatillaka, an employee of the Department of Correction.

David  
Senatillaka,—  
sick leave.

By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sean Garballey relative to flying the flag of the Commonwealth at half-staff annually to honor certain veterans and POWs/MIAs.

State flag,—  
half-staff.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel J. Hunt for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Justin Michael Rizzo, an employee of the Department of Labor Standards.

Justin Rizzo,—  
sick leave.

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston and Senator Chandler, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day and Harriette L. Chandler for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Alison Dejordy, an employee of the Department of Children and Families.

Alison  
Dejordy,—  
sick leave.

By Mr. Wong of Saugus, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Donald H. Wong and Thomas M. McGee for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Richard Capone, an employee of the Department of Transportation.

Richard  
Capone,—  
sick leave.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

A petition (subject to Joint Rule 9 and 7B) of David T. Vieira, Randy Hunt and Viriato M. deMacedo relative to bonds issued by the Bourne Recreation Authority (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk previous to five o'clock in the Afternoon on Friday, January 20, 2017) was transmitted to the State Secretary under Chapter 3 of the General Laws.

Bourne  
Recreation  
Authority,—  
bonds.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of so much of the recommendations of the Commission on Uniform State Laws (House, No. 42) as relates to making uniform the law regarding trade secrets (House, No. 43); and

Trade  
secrets.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 854) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the regulation of trade by the establishment of a uniform trade secrets act;

Id.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

By Ms. Hogan of Stow, for the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1198) of Paul McMurtry relative to quarterly billing by health maintenance organizations for certain health services,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Financial Services.

Health  
services,—  
quarterly  
billing.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Ms. Cariddi of North Adams, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, No. 3658, a Bill designating a certain park in the town of Hingham as the Eugene F. Creedon Memorial Park (House, No. 3708). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Hingham,—  
Creedon  
memorial  
park.

Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Barber of Somerville, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to the Devens Fire Department (House, No. 1328);

Devens Fire.

Designating the month of June as seatbelt awareness month (House, No. 1716); and

Seatbelt  
month.

Designating May as Asian American Pacific Islander month (House, No. 3360);

Asian American  
Pacific Islander  
month.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 275, 295 and 2053, a Bill relative to healthy youth (House, No. 3704). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Schools,—  
sexual health  
education.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to child suicide (House, No. 263). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the

Commission,—  
child suicide.

committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 276 and 319, a Bill relative to non-public school student access to the MCAS exam (House, No. 276).

MCAS,—  
access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding certification of librarians (House, No. 2032).

Librarians,—  
certification.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House No. 2058, a Bill for language opportunity for our kids (House, No. 3705).

Language  
opportunities.

By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, No. 3158, a Bill to further define standards of employee safety (House, No. 3703).

Employees,—  
safety.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to the powers and duties of a regional school district (House, No. 249).

Regional  
schools.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to school threats (House, No. 302).

School  
threats.

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ruth A. Centola, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 3695).

Ruth  
Centola,—  
sick leave.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

The House Bill exempting all positions in the fire department of the city of Marlborough from the civil service law (House, No. 2782), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third  
reading  
bill.

#### *Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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At eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.